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PERMIT SPECIALIST Environmental Engineer/Physical Scientist/Life Scientist GS-0819/1301/0401-13

Position Summary

As Senior Permit Specialist you will:

- Prepare permits for extremely complex or critical treatment, storage and disposal facilities (issuance, reissuance, and modification), where state, local or tribal agencies have not been delegated permit authority
- Where permit authority has been delegated, review extremely complex, critical, or politically sensitive permits proposed by state, local, or tribal agencies
- Provide technical expertise and regulatory rationale for permit conditions at all stages (draft through appeals)
- Negotiate complex issues with Operators and interested parties to resolve permit requirements
- Provide expertise and authoritative support in defense of technical and legal challenges to permits
- Provide advice to state, local or tribal program managers on new developments and criteria during permit
 program review and/or implementation, including regulatory, policy, and technical requirements, application
 process, and issuance strategies
- Develop new procedures, policies, or protocols for evaluating and/or overseeing performance of state, local or tribal programs to ensure proper implementation

Major Duties and Responsibilities

DUTY 1: 50%

Where state, local, or tribal agency has not been delegated authority to prepare permits for treatment, storage and disposal facilities (issuance, reissuance, and modification), represent the regional office in establishing criteria for the most significantly complex or critical permits. Review permit applications, conduct technical evaluations, write fact sheets, and draft permit conditions, identifying any technical, policy, procedural, or regulatory discrepancies. Develop permit requirements (using models, if appropriate) and negotiate conditions, and provide technical expertise and regulatory rationale for permit conditions at all stages (draft through appeals). Write public notices and represent EPA policy/permit requirements at stakeholder meetings. Represent EPA at public hearings and community meetings with a high degree of public and congressional interest on proposed permitting actions. Negotiate complex issues with Operators and interested parties to resolve permit requirements. Respond to public comments involving controversial or politically sensitive actions or decisions. Prepare final permits and permit modifications for issuance, assuring technical and legal integrity.

AND/OR

Where state, local, or tribal agency has been delegated permit authority, serve as technical expert and authoritative agency representative to review extremely complex or critical permits, and develop, evaluate, and/or oversee permit programs. Serve as regional resource on availability of new technology, models and/or existing parameters. Provide authoritative advice on the interpretation and application of permit program policies, guidelines, and regulations to the state or tribe for implementation. Provide advice to state, local or tribal program managers on new developments and criteria concerning permit program review and/or implementation, including regulatory, policy, and technical requirements, application process, and issuance strategies. Develop new procedures, policies, or protocols for evaluating and/or overseeing performance of state, local or tribal programs to ensure proper implementation. Serve as regional resource for review of extremely complex permits proposed by state, local or tribal agencies for adequacy and accuracy. Identify deficiencies (if any) and recommend controversial or politically sensitive actions on permit issuance and related compliance/enforcement matters.

KSAs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

DUTY 2: 25%

Provide authoritative technical advice and support to state, local or tribal agencies regarding technical and/or scientific criteria and methods; implementation of toxicity requirements; and impacts of pollutants. This requires in-depth technical evaluations and may involve developing innovative and unique limits and controls to protect affected communities. May also perform one or more of the following: Review, assess, and provide comments and instructions to ensure technical documents are legally defensible; prepare technical evaluations and make recommendations for installation of state-of-the-art design and pollution-control technology or techniques; develop state, local or tribal permit issuance strategies and oversee work plan development; track the status of permits in relation to annual commitments; review and evaluate draft national guidance and policy on behalf of the regional office, and provide comments and insights which are generally accepted within the framework of national program requirements; provide expert guidance and authoritative consultation with state, local or tribal program officials, and/or plan, develop, and conduct highly specialized training.

KSAs: 3, 4, 5, 6

DUTY 3: 20%

Resolve critical, politically sensitive, and highly complex issues related to permit requirements and defend permits against legal challenges, along with Office of Regional Counsel (ORC). As regional expert, negotiate with Operators and other interested parties to resolve issues related to highly sensitive and controversial permit requirements, and provide authoritative support to defend technical and legal challenges. Provide expert consultation and advice to ORC on formal information requests and enforcement actions. Serve as a technical authority in reviewing responses to determine technical sufficiency, and recommend further actions as appropriate. Prepare and present expert testimony during public hearings, evidentiary hearings, court trials, and depositions for highly controversial legal cases. Typically undergoes extensive cross-examination by highly sophisticated legal counsel and their expert consults. The employee's testimony is generally central to settlement discussions. Where state, local or tribal agency has been delegated permit authority to prepare permits for treatment, storage and disposal facilities, serve as technical expert and authoritative agency representative as needed to assist state, local, or tribal agency officials defend permits against legal challenges.

KSAs: 4, 5, 6

DUTY 4: 5%

Serve as agency spokesperson for responding to permit inquiries. Ensure communities, elected officials, and other interested parties are informed of EPA actions and positions concerning the interpretation and application of permit requirements. Respond to inquiries from the press, Congressional staff, or state and local officials, and/or Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests from the public involving controversial, politically sensitive, and highly complex technical issues. Serve as agency representative during community meetings involving concerned citizens, which may include residents from underserved or low-income communities, to explain and respond to questions or concerns on the release of chemicals and other pollutants, environmental impacts, technical/regulatory requirements, and plans for mitigating impacts. Where state, local or tribal agency has been delegated permit authority to prepare permits for treatment, storage and disposal facilities, serve as technical expert and authoritative agency representative as needed to assist state, local, or tribal agency officials explain and respond to questions or concerns from communities.

KSAs: 3, 5, 6

Additional Job or Organization Specific Responsibilities (Optional):

2.

RECRUITMENT KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES (KSAs):

Technical:

- 1. Expert knowledge of professional environmental engineering/physical science and/or life science concepts, principles, and practices to prepare permits for controversial and politically sensitive treatment, storage and disposal facilities (issuance, reissuance, and modification);
- 2. Knowledge of pollution-control technology or models to develop or review permits which mitigate impacts and ensure protection of the environment;
- 3. Skill in identifying and resolving complex pollutant discharge problems requiring possible use of innovative and state-of-the-art technology or models.

Programmatic:

4. Expert knowledge of environmental permit regulations and agency policies;

Oral Communication:

5. Skill in presenting technical/scientific information to a variety of individuals and groups including state, local, or tribal agency officials, and private citizens from communities negatively impacted by release of chemicals or other pollutants;

Written Communication:

6. Skill in writing public notices, comments on technical documents, and permit guidance or policies.

FACTOR LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

Factor 1, Knowledge Required by the Position

Level 1-8, 1550 points

Mastery of advanced concepts, principles, and practices of professional engineering, physical sciences, or life sciences to:

- 1) serve as a technical expert in resolving uniquely complex, politically sensitive, and controversial technical problems associated with the development and/or review and evaluation of permit applications;
- 2) interpret and evaluate unique and highly complex permit applications and reports prepared by other engineers, scientists, and state agency personnel to solve novel or extraordinary problems, and develop new approaches for use by other agency stakeholders where specific agency guidance is lacking;
- 3) perform highly complex technical calculations to establish permit limits for high priority pollutants of national concern; and
- 4) serve as a technical authority to provide consultative advice and guidance concerning a full range of technical problems, issues, analyses and remedies pertinent to reduction of emissions or discharges involving use of innovative and state-of-the-art technology and/or models.

The supervisor outlines overall goals, objectives and available resources. The supervisor and incumbent, in consultation, develop projects, priorities and deadlines. The incumbent independently plans and carries out assignments, interprets policy, coordinates work with others, resolves most conflicts that arise, and keeps the supervisor informed of far-reaching implications and potentially controversial concerns. Completed work is reviewed for overall approach, effectiveness in meeting requirements, and feasibility of recommendations.

Factor 3, Guidelines Level 3-4, 450 points

Guidelines and precedents, such as federal statutes, policies, and regulations, are often insufficient and inapplicable to the assignment. Guidelines have gaps in specificity and require considerable interpretation for application. Some permitting policies and precedents have been established in the course of EPA's work, but they may be inadequate in addressing particular permitting problems. The employee is required to use resourcefulness, initiative, and judgment to deviate from or extend traditional permitting policies and precedents, in order to solve problems.

Factor 4, Complexity Level 4-5, 325 points

The range of assignments includes complex and controversial permitting actions. These actions require the permit specialist to address a wide variety of technical, legal, and policy issues. The work requires the application of many different and unrelated processes and methods applied to a broad range of permitting activities and the associated technological aspects. The incumbent makes decisions about what needs to be done amidst conflicting objectives and scientific requirements, unique situations, inconclusive variables and data, changes in regulations, and agency objectives. These projects also require the permit specialist to work effectively with other EPA staff in a team environment. The incumbent uses judgment and ingenuity to evaluate the applicability of new technology, models, and/or applications, and to advocate strategies and actions to resolve controversial or conflicting issues.

Factor 5, Scope and Effect

Level 5-5, 325 points

The purpose is to serve as a technical authority to protect human health and the environment through implementation and/or review of a permitting program, and plan, review, negotiate, and make decisions regarding the most complex and controversial applications under the permit program. The incumbent provides expert advisory services to state, local or tribal agencies covering a broad range of engineering and scientific activities involving critical problems that may arise, and exploration of the means and methods by which these problems may be resolved. These decisions and actions may lead to possible litigation against major industrial concerns. Results of the employee's efforts affect the work of other scientific or engineering experts both within and outside the agency and may be national or international in scope and impact, or affect the development of major aspects of agency scientific and engineering programs.

Factors 6 & 7: Contacts and Purpose of Contacts

Level 3C, 180 points

Personal contacts include scientists, engineers, and other subject matter specialists, administrators, and other representatives from federal, state, local, and/or tribal government agencies. Contacts also include industry representatives, manufacturers' representatives, private engineering firms, scientific organizations; environmental groups, community groups, and scientists, engineers, managers and attorneys at EPA Headquarters and regional offices.

The purpose of contacts is to persuade other engineers, scientists, managers, and attorneys to adopt technical points and methods, negotiate agreements with agencies where there are conflicting interests and opinions, or justify the feasibility and desirability of work proposals to top agency officials. The purpose also includes explaining permitting proposals and decisions, providing technical assistance, problem-solving, and sharing technical information with uncooperative or skeptical audiences.

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Factor 8, Physical Demands

Level 8-1, 5 points

The work is primarily sedentary, although some physical effort may be required, e.g., walking, standing, carrying light items such as manuals or briefcases, or driving or traveling by motor vehicle.

Factor 9, Work Environment

Level 9-1, 5 points

Work is generally performed in an office setting which is adequately lighted, heated, and ventilated. Occasional field visits are required.

Total Points: 3,290



United States ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Washington, DC 20460

Position Risk Designation Checklist

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Ans	swer all "Yes/No" questions eded. If you have questions	based on the FPL position description. , please contact your local HR represen	Where explanations are requested, attach additional pages, as tative or service center.
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	if you answered "Yes" to q	uestion 1, please skip all remaining que	estions, print pages 1-2, and sign and date the form.
2.	Is the position one of the If "Yes," please indicate the	e following predesignated positions? e position below, answer question 3, sk	Yes No ip remaining questions, print pages 1-2, and sign/date the form.
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	Attorney—Moderate		☐ IT Specialist (Enterprise Architecture)—Moderate
	Bench Scientist, such a		IT Specialist (Internet)—High
	biologist, etc. —Modera		☐IT Specialist (Network Services)—High
	Contract Project Office		IT Specialist (Operating System)—High
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		13 and above)—Moderate	Public Affairs Specialist/Community Involvement Coordinator—Moderate
	☐ HR Specialist (Benefits)—Moderate	QA Scientist —Moderate
	HR Specialist (Classific	cation)—Low	RCRA Corrective Action Officer—Moderate
	HR Specialist (ER/LR)-	Moderate	Remedial Project Manager—Moderate
	HR Specialist (General	list)—Moderate	Site Assessment Manager—Moderate
	☐ HR Specialist (Staffing)—Moderate	Support Services Specialist—Moderate
	HR Specialist (Training	y)—Low	Toxicologist—Moderate
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NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to No. 2 and have answered No. 3, skip remaining questions, print pages 1-2, and sign/date the form.

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Ansv	Answer all "Yes/No" questions based on the FPL position description. If explanations are requested, attach additional pages.			
4.	Requires access to sensitive information or materials? Yes No (If "Yes," check all that apply.) EPA's financial resources/records Confidential business information Proprietary information Personally identifiable information (e.g., address) Audits (e.g., financial reviews) Sensitive personally identifiable information (e.g., SSN, date of birth) Investigations (e.g., CID) Other information that, if compromised, could cause harm (describe on separate page)			
5.	The scope of this position is: Local Regional National Global			
6.	The impact/potential harm this position could cause would be: Internal to EPA Multi-Agency/Government-wide Beyond the Government			
7.	Position is a presidential or political appointment: Yes No			
8.	Requires access to hazardous or dangerous material (nuclear, biological, or chemical): Yes No What materials are involved?			
9.	Makes policy that affects AAship, Regional or Agency operations (not simply local branch or section operations): Yes No Describe:			
10.	Makes independent decisions or authoritative recommendations that are not subject to substantive verification or supervisory approval/sign off: Yes No			
11.	Obligates the agency to take action or spend funds: Yes No What actions?			
	What amount of funding typically? What is the ceiling?			
12.	Interacts with external contacts when performing duties and/or represents the agency to citizens or external organizations: Yes No (If "Yes," check all that apply.)			
	Communicates with: Communication methods:			
	EPA personnel Shares factual information (e.g., technical or policy reports, outreach, or public relations material)			
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	Audience beyond government, including media, private industry, academia,			
	environmental interest groups Represents agency or negotiates/defends significant or controversial matters			
13.	Protects or identifies critical infrastructure systems/programs, such as water treatment, other utilities, or telecommunications: Yes No What systems/programs are involved?			
14.	4. Directly enforces health regulations and/or protects public safety: ☐ Yes ☐ No			
15.	5. Investigates or audits government or nongovernment personnel, programs, and/or activities: Yes No (Note: Relates to investigating and auditing, but not simply overseeing.) What personnel, programs, and/or activities are involved?			
16.	i. Information technology (IT) position that creates, programs, administers, or protects government IT systems, databases, or infrastructure: Yes No (Note: Does not apply to positions that only use IT systems.)			
17.	Requires official EPA credentials: Yes No (Note: Credential bearers represent the agency and perform specific civil enforcement tasks, e.g., EPA inspectors.)			
18.	Other unique or critical characteristics/duties/requirements not previously covered? Yes No Describe:			
	(b) (6)			

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Position Designation Record

Agency EPA

Position Title Permit Specialist

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Position Description (b) (6)

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Title

Potential for Compromise or Damage

Duties	Degree of Potential for Compromise or Damage
Public safety and health services, regulation, enforcement, and protection (Food safety and inspection, occupational health and safety, transportation safety, environmental safety and hazard mitigation)	Position is actively, operationally engaged in services related to the duties in this category (but has only moderate ability to impact the public's trust), such as: • Performing inspections • Enforcing established standards • Providing regulatory advice and direction
Protection of personal, private, controlled unclassified, or proprietary information-with the potential to damage the public's trust (includes access to or processing of personal information such as that protected by the Privacy Act (PA) of 1974, exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), financial data, or privileged information involving the award of contracts, contractor proprietary information, etc.)	One or more of the following: • Access to personal, private, proprietary, or controlled unclassified information, the unauthorized disclosure of which could cause very limited damage to individuals, business entities, or government programs or operations or any potential damage is limited to the

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Duties	Degree of Potential for Compromise or Damage
	 local level Duties are carried out under such restrictive controls that the risk of violating the public's trust is extremely limited
Government service delivery, including customer service or public liaison duties	Duties involve customer service responsibilities and/or public liaison that could negatively impact the public's trust through moderate damage/harm to: • The integrity or efficiency of the service • Individuals or business entities • Government programs or operations impacting the public's trust

Adjustment for Program Designation and Level of Supervision

Adjustments	Label
Adjustment for Scope of Program and Correlation to Extent of Impact (see definitions)	Agency impact
Adjustment for level of supervision or other controls	Periodic, ongoing review - ability to act independently a lot of the time

Total Points Designation

Label	Points
Total Initial Position Designation Points from Step 2	31
Adjusted Position Designation Points from Step 3	21

Investigation	Form Required
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Sensitivity	Risk Level
Non-Sensitive	Moderate Risk

Signature: __Casey Colonius
Name: ____

Date: 4/11/18

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